

Weekly Wrap-Up

Promoting Missouri to the Film Industry

Week of September 14 - September 20, 2002

MISSOURI NEWS

At the St. Louis Media Communications Association-International August meeting, Missouri Film Commission board chairman Kim Tucci was presented with the first ever J. Kim Tucci Award. It is awarded to non-MCA-I members who tirelessly support and commit themselves to the St. Louis production community.

Missouri Film Commission's Traci Albertson visited the set of *As the World Turns* as they shot scenes outside Webster University's Performing Arts Center on Monday under clear skies. Many locals were hired including extras and some crew. The scenes will air in October.

In Kansas City, Sonic Drive-In shot a spot at the KC Parks and Rec community center last week, Sprint filmed KC skylines and the Missouri River for a corporate image video this week and Partnership for Children will be shooting a PSA at KC's Take 2 production company next week.

KC suburbs saw Bark Productions shooting a Wal-Mart commercial in Liberty last weekend and a Burbank, Calif. production company just began four weeks of a corporate video production at the Claycomo Ford plant yesterday. Many local crew members are being enlisted for the lengthy shoot.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Assembly Bill 2747 passed the California State Assembly this week by a wide, bipartisan vote. AB 2747 passed the full Assembly with only one dissenting vote, and will now move to the California State Senate. AB 2747 is designed to level the playing field, securing that film and television production stay within the state. Wage-based tax incentives allow California to remain competitive when vying with other states and countries for production. AB 2747 is modeled after current federal legislation – S. 1278 and HR 3131. It provides a 15 percent production tax credit on the first \$250,000 of qualifying wages for all films and television programming budgeted between \$200,000 and \$10 million. If passed by the Senate and signed by California Governor Gray Davis, it is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2004.



SCOUTING

We are currently in search of the following location for a project. E-mail your suggestions to: jjones@ded.state.mo.us.

- Seedy-looking hotel with fire escape in St. Louis area.

- Movie theater with vintage (1950s) concession area.

WEEKLY WEB REPORT

MFC Website hits: 804

Production guide hits: 172

for week of Aug. 11 - 17

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTIVITY REPORT Production Guide Requests

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Scouting/Info Requests

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The Missouri Film Commission was created in 1983 and is attached to the Business Expansion and Attraction Group within the Missouri Department of Economic Development.



October 4-10 *Filmfest KC, Kansas City*

October 4-18 *Chicago International Film Festival*

November 14-24 *St. Louis International Film Fest*

November 22-23 *Independent Feature Project, Chicago*